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O. FOREWORD

- **0.1** This Indian Standard (Part 9) was adopted by the Indian Standards Institution on 28 September 1983, after the draft finalized by the Optical and Mathematical Instruments Sectional Committee had been approved by the Mechanical Engineering Division Council.
- 0.2 Fast development in the field of instruments had brought a significant change in their basic content and design. It has been felt over the years that IS: 2352-1963* does not cater for the present day needs of the instruments and is also not in line with the recent trends in climatic and environmental testing procedures to be adopted for improving their quality and reliability. It has, therefore, become necessary to have uniform and more rational testing procedures as far as possible. This series of standards on climatic and durability test (IS: 10236) has been prepared with this objective.
- **0.2.1** It is proposed to withdraw the existing Indian Standard (IS: 2352-1963*) as soon as the tests mentioned therein are covered in this new series of IS: 10236.

1. SCOPE

1.1 This standard (Part 9) covers the procedure for conducting low air pressure (altitude) test for optical instruments.

2. TERMINOLOGY

2.1 For the purpose of this standard, the definitions given in IS: 10236 (Part 1)† shall apply.

Procedure for basic climatic and durability tests for optical instruments.
 †Procedure for basic climatic and durability tests for optical instrument: Part 1

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3. OBJECT

3.1 The object of this test is to determine suitability of optical instruments to withstand and operate under conditions of (a) low air pressure or (b) low air pressure combined with low temperature, such as would be encountered at high altitudes.

4. INITIAL MEASUREMENT

4.1 The instrument shall be visually examined and optically, electrically and mechanically checked as required by the relevant instrument specification.

5. TEST CHAMBER

- 5.1 The chamber used for this test shall meet the requirements specified in 5.1.1 to 5.1.4.
- 5.1.1 The chamber shall be capable of maintaining its working space at any low pressure as desired by the required severity with a tolerance of ± 5 percent.
- 5.1.2 The chamber shall have facility for restoration of low pressure to normal laboratory conditions within 5 to 30 minutes.
- 5.1.3 In addition, when testing under condition (b) of 3.1 is required, the chamber shall be capable of maintaining its working space at any low temperature appropriate to the required severity with a tolerance of $\pm 3^{\circ}$ C.
- 5.1.4 Care shall be taken to ensure that any heat dissipation of the specimen shall not appreciably influence the conditions in the chamber.
- 5.1.5 The chamber shall have provision to supply electric power to the specimen under test from external source.
- 5.1.6 The chamber shall have a provision of a suitable viewing window to see functioning of the instrument, if required.

6. TEST SEVERITY

- **6.1** The test severities shall be chosen from those given below:
 - a) Low Pressure

kPa
-2:0
4.4
8.5
5.00
30·0
53·3
60.0

Note — Accuracy for low air pressure shall be ± 5 percent.

- b) Low Temperature
 - 1) $-55 \pm 3^{\circ}C$
 - 2) $-40 \pm 3^{\circ}C$
 - 3) $-20 \pm 3^{\circ}C$
 - 4) $-10 \pm 3^{\circ}C$

7. TEST PROCEDURE

7.1 Procedure 1 — Low Air Pressure

- 7.1.1 The instrument shall be subjected to this test in the unpacked condition.
- 7.1.2 The instrument under test, while being under laboratory atmospheric conditions, shall be introduced into the chamber, the later also being under the same conditions.
- 7.1.3 The air pressure inside the chamber shall be brought down to a value corresponding to the specified low pressure severity or any other severity as specified in the relevant instrument specification.
- 7.1.4 The instrument shall remain inside the chamber for a period of 4 or 8 hours or for any other period prescribed in the relevant instrument specification.
- 7.1.5 The instrument shall be operating during conditioning if required in the relevant instrument specification.

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- 7.1.6 If the instrument is not operating during conditioning at the end of the period of exposure the electrical/electronic arrangement fitted in the instrument shall be checked for its functioning, if required by the relevant instrument specification.
- 7.1.7 The air pressure inside the chamber shall now be restored to laboratory pressure conditions within a period of 15 to 30 minutes or as specified by relevant instrument specification.
- 7.1.8 Recovery The instrument shall then be removed from the chamber and shall be allowed to remain under standard atmospheric conditions for recovery for a period of 1 to 2 hours.

7.2 Procedure 2 — Low Temperature/Low Air Pressure

- 7.2.1 The instrument shall be subjected to this test in unpacked condition.
- 7.2.2 The instrument under test, while being under laboratory atmospheric conditions shall be introduced into the chamber, the later also being under the same conditions.
- 7.2.3 The temperature of the chamber shall be lowered to the low temperature severity as specified in the relevant instrument specification.
- **7.2.4** On attaining low temperature the air pressure inside the chamber shall be brought down to a value corresponding to the specified low pressure severity as specified in the relevant instrument specification.
- 7.2.5 The instrument shall remain inside the chamber for a period of 4 or 8 hours or for any other period prescribed in the relevant instrument specification.
- 7.2.6 The instrument shall be operating during conditioning, if required in the relevant instrument specification.
- 7.2.7 If the instrument is not operating during conditioning, at the end of the period of exposure the electrical/electronic arrangement fitted in the instrument shall be checked for its functioning, if required by the relevant instrument specification.
- 7.2.8 The temperature of the chamber shall then be allowed to rise at such a rate that it would attain laboratory conditions in not less than one hour nor more than 4 hours.
- 7.2.9 When the temperatute of the chamber has reached a value between 0 to 10°C, the air pressure inside the chamber shall be restored to laboratory atmospheric conditions within a period of 15 to 30 minutes or as specified by the relevant instrument specification.

Note — The air shall be dried as much as possible to minimise condensation on the instruments when restoring conditions after low temperature and low air pressure.

7.2.10 Recovery — The instrument shall then be removed from the chamber and allowed to remain under standard atmospheric conditions for not less than one hour nor more than two hours. It shall then be shaken by hand to remove droplets of water (if any) and shall be further kept for one to two hours under standard atmospheric conditions for recovery.

8. FINAL MEASUREMENTS

8.1 After recovery the instrument shall be visually examined and tested for its performance in accordance with the relevant instrument specification and in case of tropicalised instruments also for leaks.

9. DETAILS TO BE GIVEN IN RELEVANT INSTRUMENT SPECIFICATION

- 9.1 The relevant instrument specification shall state the following for carrying out this test:
 - a) Initial observations/measurements;
 - b) Procedure to be adopted;
 - c) Low air pressure severity;
 - d) Low temperature severity, in case of procedure 2;
 - e) Duration of conditioning;
 - f) Whether instrument shall be operating during conditioning;
 - g) Functioning tests to be carried out for electrical/electronic arrangement during conditioning, if so required;
 - h) Period of restoration of air pressure if other than specified;
 - j) Final observations/measurements; and
 - k) Any deviation from the normal procedure.

INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM OF UNITS (SI UNITS)

Base Units

QUANTITY	Unit	Symbol	
Length	metre	m	
Mass	kilogram	kg	
Time	second	s	
Electric current	ampere	Α	
Thermodynamic temperature	kelvin	K	
Luminous intensity	candela	cd	
Amount of substance	mole	mol	
Supplementary Units			
QUANTITY	Unit	Symbol	
Plane angle	radian	rad	
Solid angle	steradian	sr	

Derived Units

QUANTITY	UNIT	SYMBOL	Definition
Force	newton	N	$1 N = 1 \text{ kg.m/s}^2.$
Energy	joule	J	1 J = 1 N.m
Power	watt	W	1 W = 1 J/s
Flux	weber	$\mathbf{W}\mathbf{b}$	1 Wb = 1 V.s
Flux density	tesla	T	$1 T = 1 \text{ Wb/m}^2$
Frequency	hertz	Hz	$1 \text{ Hz} = 1 \text{ c/s (s}^{-1})$
Electric conductance	siemens	S	1 S = 1 A/V
Electromotive force	volt	\mathbf{v}	1 V = 1 W/A
Pressure, stress	pascal	Pa	$1 Pa = 1 N/m^2$